Pastry Corner
Rocketpunch Market
TCH.
.....
BO-CCHAN.
IF YOU WISH, I WOULD GLADLY BECOME A STEPPING STOOL.
I AM BOCCHAN'S TOOL.
YOUR HAND CAN'T REACH THE HIGHER SHELVES, AREN'T I CORRECT?
Hell no!!
W-what are you talking about, damnit-!?
Your sudden behavior is my biggest trouble right now!!
IF YOU ARE HAVING ANY TROUBLE, PLEASE STEP ON ME.
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A FIGHT WITHOUT SWEETNESS

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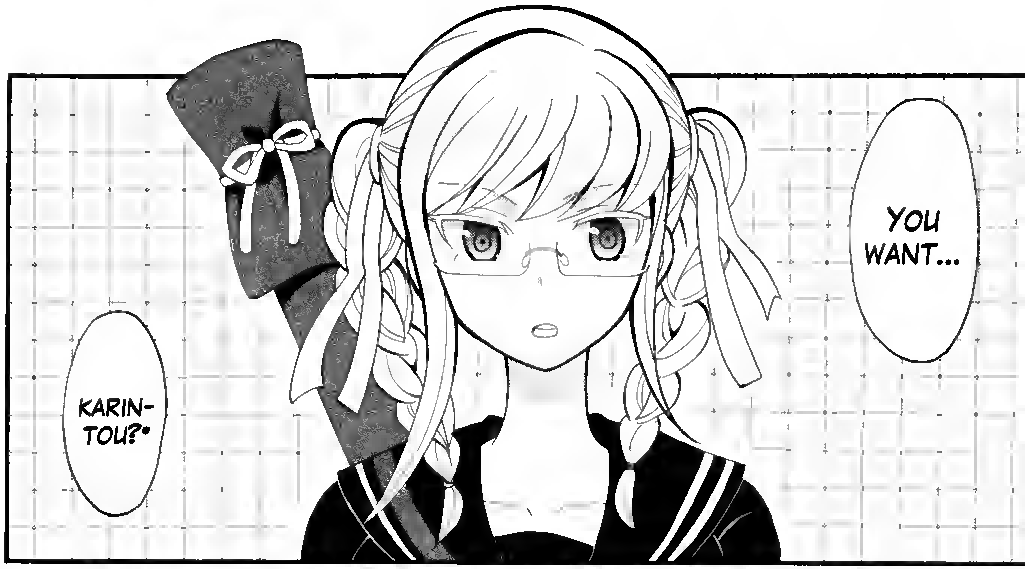
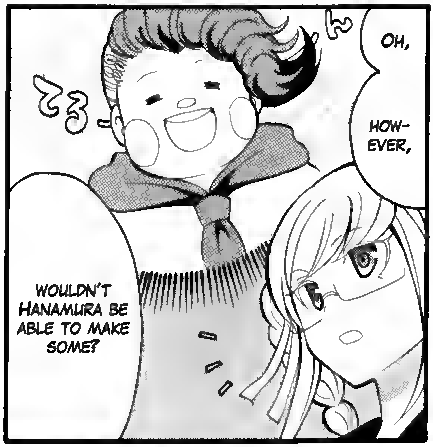
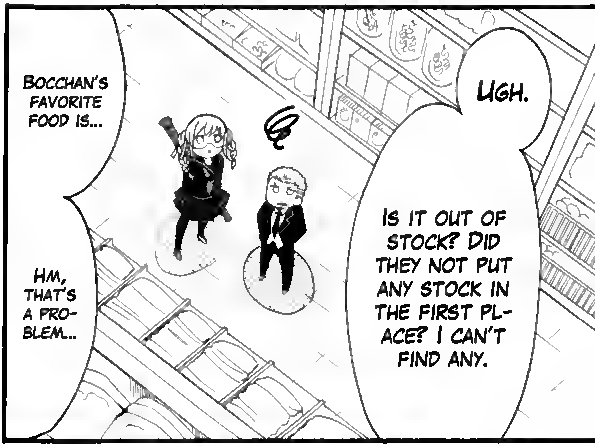
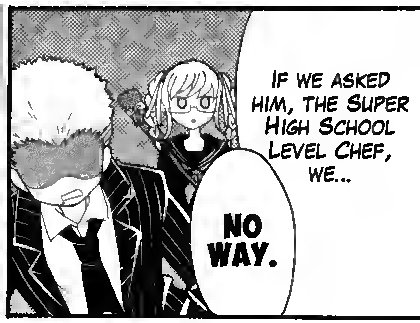


*KARINTO IS A TRADITIONAL JAPANESE SNACK FOOD. SWEET AND DEEP FRIED. IT'S MADE PRIMARILY OF FLOUR, YEAST, AND BROWN SUGAR. IT'S DEEP BROWN AND LOOKS LIKE A "BITE-SIZED" PILLOW OR SHORT CYLINDER.




BOCCHAN'S FAVORITE FOOD IS...
HM, THAT'S A PRO-BLEM...
UGH.
IS IT OUT OF STOCK? DID THEY NOT PUT ANY STOCK IN THE FIRST PL-ACE? I CAN'T FIND ANY.



I, THE TOOL, WILL INSTEAD...
HAVE HANAMURA TEACH ME HOW TO MAKE KA-RINTOU.
Huh!?
She's fast!!
WELL, WE DO HAVE THAT OPTION, BUT LET'S THINK ABOUT IT A LITTLE BIT MO... WHOA,
WAIT A MINUTE, THAT HANAMURA GUY IS...
Will you help me beat my meat?
THAT MAN WHO LOOKS LIKE A CONVICTED SEX OFFENDER...
PEKO WOULD BE LEFT ALONE WITH A GUY LIKE HIM...?
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Hotel Mun
How to make karintou?
Sure, sure~
Of course I'll teach you!
Fufufufu
Even so, I'm glad Pekoyama-san is so interested in cooking~
Shit- this feels like I'm peeping on them.
I'm glad too.
Had you refused it, my only alternative left would be to have Souda remodel me into a karintou-making robot.
Huh?
KARINTOU
Those were your only two choices ?!!

YOU TOO, WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, PEKO!?
T-TODAY YOU'RE WRONG! AFTER THAT I WENT AND BOUGHT SOME NORMAL UNDERWEAR IN THE SUPERMARKET...
IT'S WHITE!
LET'S MAKE IT AS DARK AS PEKOYAMA-SAN'S PITCH-BLACK THONG.
What the fuck did you just say!?
ALL RIGHT, LET'S GET STARTED WITH SOME BASIC BROWN SUGAR KARINTOU.
O-OH...
WHAT ARE YOU HERE FOR?
Bastards! You're not gonna take this thing seriously, are you?!!
!?
KUZU-RYUU!?
I JUST GOT HERE BY COINCIDENCE...
NO WAY I CAN LET HIM KNOW ABOUT MY RELATION TO PEKO.
N-...
no way in hell!! I really hate all kinds of sweets!!
HMMMM~? COULD IT BE THAT YOU CAME HERE BECAUSE YOU SNIFFED OUT THE SMELL OF KARINTOU AND...
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yeah.
NO WAY IN HELL, HNN-?
KUZURYUU-KUN IS THE SUPER HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL YAKUZA AFTER ALL~
AHHAHHA, OF COURSE YOU DO~

AFTER MIXING THE INGREDIENTS AND LETTING THE MASH REST IN THE FRIDGE...
YOU HAVE TO SPREAD THE DOUGH EVENLY WITH A ROLLING PIN UNTIL ITS THICKNESS IS ABOUT 5MM.
ALL RIGHT!
I SEE...
NEXT, LET'S CUT THEM INTO THE RIGHT LENGTH!
THAT HAPPENS TO BE MY SPECIALTY.
REALLY? OK, THEN I'M LEAVING THAT TO YOU!

DO NOT WORRY... IN AN INSTANT EVERYTHING WILL BE OVER FOR YOU...
FIRST, I WILL SLICE OFF ALL THOSE UNNECESSARY PARTS AROUND YOU...
THEN, I'LL METICULOUSLY SHRED YOU INTO FINE LITTLE PIECES...
THAT'S KINDA SCARY!!!
Stop, Pekoyama! I'll do the rest!!
WHY!?
THAT'S RIGHT! PEKOYAMA-SAN, WE WILL TAKE CARE OF THE OIL!!
OR YOU CAN LOOK AT MY EXPOSED LOWER BODY TO CALM DOWN!!
PRE-EMPTIVE STRIKE, PUPE.
HUH!?
THE PRACTICE SWORD
HEY-
YOU'RE NOT KILLING ANYONE, GODDAMNIT!!
KYAAAA!!!
HAAAAAA!
※Acting as a voice for the uncooked dough's mind.

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WOOOO-
OOOOW
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SH-SHUT UP... THAT JUST HAPPENED BY CHANCE.
IN ANY CASE, IT WAS A LITTLE BIT UNUSUAL OF KUZURYUU-KUN TO GIVE US SOME HELP!
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That was you two's fault...
IT TOOK LONGER THAN EXPECTED...
SEEMS LIKE WE'RE DONE!
YOU DID THIS AS FAVOR?
COULD IT BE THAT...
YOU WEREN'T EVEN AFTER THE KARINTOU...

W-
TO ME.
YOU'RE BEING RUDE TO KUZU-RYUU.
THAT CAN'T BE IT.
TH-...
ER, THEN THE FAVOR WAS TO PEKOYAMA-SAN?
yeah
YOU BARGING IN SO SUDDENLY WAS ALSO BECAUSE YOU WERE JEALOUS OF HOW ME AND PEKOYAMA-SAN WERE GETTING ALONG, AM I RIGHT?
I WAS PAYING ATTENTION... YOU WERE AL-WAYS LOOKING AT ME WITH AN INTENSE LOOK IN YOUR EYES...
HELL, FUCKING, NOOOOO
So, it's as I thought... you like me, don't you?
Why do you look so happy with that conclusi-on!!?

KARINTOU!?
THIS BROWN SUGAR FRAGRANCE IS...
WHOA- WHAT'S THIS YUMMY SMELL?
C-CAN I TAKE S-SOME AS WELL?
Yaaaa-aaaaay!
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YUP! THE 3 OF US MADE IT.
YOU CAN EAT AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE.
ONE BY ONE, THEY'RE FOLLOWING THE SCENT!!
WHAT FUCKING SCENT ARE YOU FOLLOW-ING!?
THE DEEPER THE DESPAIR IS, THE BRIGHTER THE HOPE THAT OVERCOMES IT SHINES!
BUT IT'S OKAY!
I HAVE THE FEELING SOMEONE IS ABOUT TO FALL INTO DESPAIR...
Despair
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EMPTY
SOME-THING UP, KUZURYUU? AREN'T YOU EATING ANY?
NO, HE JUST DOESN'T LIKE SWEETS.
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HEY...
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BOCCHAN.
PEKO.
NOTHING GOOD HAS HAPPENED EVER SINCE I CAME TO THIS ISLAND...
I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO KILL THAT HANAMURA BASTARD TO GO BACK HOME.
GOD-DAMNIT...
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...OH.
THAT REMINDS ME...
FROM NOW ON, I CAN MAKE THEM FOR YOU ANYTIME.
AS I LEARNED THE RECIPE, I WENT AND MADE ANOTHER BATCH.
YOU... DID...
WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR THE LONGEST TIME,
BUT EATING SOMETHING SHE COOKED WITH HER OWN HANDS...

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME...
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SHIT.
DID I JUST
END UP THINKING FOR A MOMENT...
THAT THIS ISLAND MIGHT NOT BE THAT BAD...
How did you like it?
It's cool.
H-hmm.
The next day
KUZURYUU-KUN... I'LL LEAVE MY ROOM'S DOOR UNLOCKED, SO COME IN WHENEVER YOU WANT!
FIGHT THROUGH THE THORNY PATH!
Don't go spreading rumors!!
And of course, Kuzuryuu could no longer stand staying even one more second on the island.
THE END

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